1	2	3	4
245.	Tago	Ar Pr	4.5
246.	Gas Turbine	Tripura	64.5
247.	Gumti	Tripura	15

Electrification of villages through renewable energy sources

1156. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed a goal of generating 10 per cent share in the additional power generation by the year 2012 which would work out to 10,000 MW;

(b) whether Government have also devised an action plan to electrify 80,000 villages over the next seven years through renewable energy sources; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to achieve both the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Based on the findings of the 16th Electric Power Survey, it has been estimated that an additional capacity of 1,07,000 MW is required to be added by 2012 to meet the energy requirement of 975 BUs. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources have prepared a Draft Renewable Energy Policy Statement which envisages 10% or 10,000 MW of the additional planned capacity to come from non-conventional energy sources by the year 2012.

There are about 79,000 villages as on 1.4.2001 which remain to be electrified in the country. Out of this, about 18,000 villages are in remote and in difficult areas. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources proposes to implement a programme for electrification of villages in remote and difficult areas in the country

during the next 10-11 years. Consultations have been held with State Governments, NGOs, financial institutions and manufacturers to develop an action plan for this purpose. State Governments have been asked to send lists of un-electrified villages which cannot be electrified by conventional means. A provision of Rs. 20 crores has been included in the budget of the Ministry for 2001-02 to initiate implementation of this programme.

Filling up the post of CMD, in NEEPCO

1157. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) is running with an *ad-hoc* CMD;

(b) whether key posts in the Board of Directors are lying vacant with many of the Directors due to retire soon;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken to fill up these key posts for better functioning of NEEPCO in the light of news-item in Assam Tribune dated 8th July, 2001 captioned "Outstanding dues posing problems for NEEPCO"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The posts of Chairman & Managing Director and Director (Finance), North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) fell vacant with effect from 1.11.2000 and 1.3.2001 respectively consequent upon the retirement of respective incumbents. The delay in the filling up these posts was on account of consultation process related certain administrative procedures and late receipt of requisite information and documents from the respective organizations where the selected candidates are employed. These cases have since been processed and on receipt of the approval of the Competent Authority, the posts of CMD Director (F), NEEPCO would be filled.